

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Recording information is recorded after adding reproducing  
limit information for controlling the number of reproducing times to  
the recording information and embedding the identical reproducing  
5 limit information thereon separately from the above in a way of  
preventing illegal detection. Then, after confirming a coincidence  
between the reproducing limit information added and the  
reproducing limit information embedded, the recording information is  
10 controlled to be supplied to an external source according to the same  
reproducing limit information.

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